

Coquille Valley Elementary

Newsletter

September 2017



Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year at Coquille Valley Elementary School!

All of the staff at CVE is chomping at the bit to get back to another year working with the young people of Coquille. We are excited to help students improve their academic and social skills while providing positive memories that will hopefully last a lifetime.

You are sure to notice some great changes at CVE. We have done a complete remodel of the library, with added technology available. We were using the original middle school lay-out and it just didn't work well to meet the needs for our younger students. Our cafeteria/multi-purpose room has also received a few improvements with the backboards getting painted and lines for athletic courts added. Coquille School District continues to attend to our buildings, providing what I believe are the best facilities in the county.

However, academics and instruction remain our top priority. We have adopted a new math curriculum for grades 1 and 2 that is more closely aligned to current best practices and state standards. The online components can be accessed at home which will be a big support for families. This adoption now brings an updated curriculum to all grades at CVE. In addition to our adoption of a new reading curriculum in 2014, this year's math adoption is the next step in providing our teachers with the tools they need to serve our students and families as effectively as possible.

We have a few new staff-members joining us as well. We now have three classrooms in all grades, 1-6, which will continue to reduce elementary class sizes.

New faces you will see include:

Sarah Lloyd, 1st grade teacher; Rachel Halle, 2nd grade teacher; Taylor Ostle, 3rd grade teacher; and Joe Nichols, 5th grade.

Well-known faces in new places include:

Mandy Dark, 3rd grade; Maureen March, 5th grade; and Julia Scolari, 6th grade Science/SS.

Please welcome our newest Eagles!

Communication with and support from the families of Coquille are paramount to our success. We want you to feel welcome. Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions, concerns, or compliments!

Geoff Wetherell, Principal

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PICTURE DAY: Picture day at Coquille Valley Elementary School will be Thursday, September 21.

CVE EAGLE SPIRIT WEAR: We will be placing an order for school T-shirts and hoodies soon. If you wish to purchase one, they must be **pre-paid** with the order form.

VOLUNTEER: CVE would like to invite you to volunteer at our school. Studies have shown that the more parents and community members are involved in the schools, the better the students perform. There are many ways to volunteer at CVE. Along with classroom opportunities, we can always use help with special events and popcorn days.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: One of the most reliable predictors of school success is regular attendance. Please remember **the academic school day begins at 8:15 AM** and students may enter the building at **7:50 AM**. Please understand there is **no supervision** before that time. We appreciate you making every effort to have your child to school by 8:15 AM and **sending/calling in excuses when they are absent**. We are required to keep them for our records. Please understand that if a student has irregular attendance, we will be obligated to make a referral to our attendance officer for further investigation. Thank you.

CVE WEBSITE: Keep an eye out for our website for monthly newsletters, important dates, school lunch menu, student handbook, teacher pages, and much more. Go to www.coquille.k12.or.us.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION : Please save your boxtops and bring them to the CVE Office. We have been able to purchase playground equipment as well as assist with class supplies for students in need with money from this program.

McKAY'S RECEIPTS: Also, please collect and send your McKay's receipts to school with your student. McKay's Market generously returns a percentage of dollars spent at their store back to us.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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| Tuesday | September 5 | School Begins | |
| Saturday | September 9 | Hall of Fame | 5:00 PM |
| Tuesday | September 12 | Open House | 5:00-7:00 PM |
| Wednesday | September 13 | Board Meeting | 6 PM @ CVE in Library |
| Thursday | September 21 | Picture Day | |
| Friday | September 22 | No School | Prof. Development |
| Friday | September 29 | Popcorn Day | |